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2.5 or a 3 percent increase in our budget, this is why we end up at 4 and 5 percent increases in the budget in actuality, even though this is a time line that's out a ways. And this is comparing our salaries to other states where we try to keep up, because this is one of several issues much like this. it's going to be NETV, or long-term nursing home care, or respite care, or whatever, these are the increases that sense in the short-term, and cost the budget in the long-term. What Senator Brashear has said to you is probably very realistic and is certainly factual. But I would remind you once again, I double checked, it is definitely not in the Governor's budget, for example, and it wouldn't be much in this immediate budget year coming up. But it will go into the status in the future years, if we so pass it. And a future Legislature will definitely have to struggle with the funding, in this case \$1 million more in the second year. I just really am calling attention to it because these are...these decisions that we are making here, fairly early in the session by the way with A bills, more...it's unusual to be doing this amount of A bills early. And here again it's perfectly permissible to bind this over to Select File, and ultimately to Final Reading later on, if that's what you want to do. But it is going to collide with many other good issues. And several of you have expressed your frustration to me about the fact that you don't know exactly what we are doing in appropriations. We are going down today to our final preliminary (laugh), if I may, our estimate of where. And you will, within a few days, we'll have those figures to But we are not finalized on ours, but we will be shortly. And until then you probably have to use the Governor's budget as a guide. And if you recall, he put \$2.50 million in for Well, that's already gone, actually, by some of the A bills. spending we've done already. So I...I may be talking in But I just want to recognize that these are the good kinds of things that many of us feel we must do probably, especially in the Judiciary. Senator Chambers, Senator Brashear made very strong points on that. But it is also the thing that increases our budget. So as you do these, I would suggest that you keep track of where these are going so that, if you do have to explain why the budget goes up in due time, you will at least have an accurate explanation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The Chair